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The matter of the Korean armistice statement came up again this morning, and lasted all day and well into the night. The Department has flatly rejected the French proposal which we telegraphed on Monday night. We had another formula from the French this morning, and since time was pressing I telephoned it to Jack Hickerson in Washington. The Department rejected this as well, and insisted we urge the French in the strongest terms to take without any alteration the text agreed upon by the US, UK, Canada, and most of the other countries having forces in Korea. It was felt in Washington that our Joint Chiefs of Staff would reject any change in language, and in addition the re-circularization of the text would involve long delays and re-open discussions that might be undesirable.

I was unable to get in touch directly with either Mossrs. Pleven or Schuman, since the Government is engaged in a difficult debate on a vote of confidence regarding the budget. After a lot of running back and forth between

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here and the Foreign Office, and conversations between Bonsal and Parodi, I saw Parodi late this evening and gave him a cable just received from Washington asking if the French would not accept our proposition. He called me at midnight, and said he had again seen Schuman and Pleven and thought he would have something satisfactory to us at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

General Robert Richardson, [redacted] Commander-in-Chief in the Pacific during the war under Admiral Nimitz, came to see me. His son, Colonel Robert Richardson, - a splendid fellow, - has been with us all along working on the European Army Conference.

I went to lunch at the American Club where Paul Porter made a [redacted] good speech.

This afternoon, M. Ruault, once Prefect at Versailles, and lately with M. Léonard (now Resident General in Algeria) in the Prefecture of Police of Paris, came to see me. He is leaving his present position but will remain in the French Civil Service.

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I had a [redacted] talk with Alan Kirk whose plans for the future are completely fluid.

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